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Man Sentenced for Stabbing Child's Mother

WASHINGTON - A 42-year-old District of Columbia man, Ricardo Gaddy, was sentenced on Friday, July 9, 2010, to 96 months of incarceration, by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary, of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after pleading guilty in May to one count of Assault with Intent to Kill, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today.

At the plea hearing in May 2010, Gaddy admitted that on February 13, 2010, he began arguing with his girlfriend of 13 years, and the mother of his four-year-old child. When Gaddy displayed a knife, the victim attempted to call police, and Gaddy told her that before the police arrived, he would kill her and he would kill himself. The victim fled her apartment, in an effort to escape, and began banging on the doors of neighboring apartments, pleading for help. When a neighbor opened her door, the victim fell inside her neighbor's apartment, as Gaddy was in the process of stabbing her in the back. The victim lay in a fetal position as Gaddy stabbed her multiple times. Gaddy fled, but was apprehended soon afterwards. When he committed this offense, Gaddy was already on probation for assaulting the same victim approximately six months earlier.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Metropolitan Police Department Detective Kristal Boyd. He also recognized the dedicated work of U.S. Attorney's Office victim advocate Meshall Thomas, paralegal Joyce Arthur, and legal assistant Tanisha Nelson. Lastly, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Heide L. Herrmann, who investigated and prosecuted the case.